

the diffusion of knowledge among the people, and the cause of universal education, that no plan for the protection of foreign authors has yet been devised which can unite the support of all or nearly all who profess to be favorable to the general object in view, and that, in the opinion of your committee, any project for an international copyright will be found, upon mature deliberation, to be inexpedient." I think this report does not hold out much hope of an International Copyright Law. I also consider this policy unwise and ill-judged on the part of the United States, but there stands the report. I need not again prove how beneficial this bill would be to the printing industry of Canada, the Senate having already manifested its belief in the doctrine, but shall merely contrast the apathy of those who should have looked after the fate of this bill with the great energy and activity displayed in the United States, to secure to themselves the benefits arising from large printing establishments in their country. Mr. Lovell had set up a press at Rouse's Point, as an experiment, but he has now determined, owing to the inducements held out to him by the Government of New York, upon moving his establishment, with its 500 hands, from Montreal to that place during the present summer. He was prompted to do so in the first instance by the difficulties in the way of reprinting British copyright books in Canada. They can be printed conveniently, without any infraction of the law, in the United States, and imported into Canada from that country. I shall now direct your attention to the report of a public meeting held at Rouse's Point, on the 5th February last, to take into consideration the establishment of an extensive printing and publishing concern in that village. The following resolution was unanimously passed: Resolved, That this meeting is in favor of exempting Mr. Lovell's printing and publishing business, and the buildings connected therewith from taxation for a term of ten years. Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to draft and circulate a petition to the Legislature in furtherance of the foregoing resolution. It was further resolved, That we wait with much satisfaction the expected advent of Mr. John Lovell in the capacity of a citizen and man of business in this village, and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to aid him in his enterprise. The petition was presented, with good success, at Albany. I am further informed an act has been passed by the Legislature of New York,

granting the privilege to Mr. Lovell, never previously extended to any foreigner, not only of acquiring real estate in the State of New York, but disposing of it whenever he wishes. Thus, while great efforts have been made to induce Canadians to establish themselves in that State, as well as in others, I am sorry it has not been thought proper to push this copyright measure with more energy, and to ascertain its fate, from the other side the Atlantic. I believe it would have in a great measure secured to us the continuance in Montreal of the 500 persons who are likely to leave it with Mr. Lovell, and who, of course, are useful citizens. I regret the Imperial Government have not been called upon to declare what their policy in the matter is to be. I hope that for the future more interest in this matter will be displayed; for I believe it is not for want of sympathy with this cause that our Government have been at all supine. It is either from the subject dying out of their minds, or in some way being superseded by other matters. But I hope now, that I have ventured to revive it, that efforts may be made to bring the Imperial Government to some decision. I trust this will be obtained soon, and with this object I will submit my motion, which I beg leave to amend slightly, adding after the figures 1872, "up to the close of the present session."

"That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence with the Imperial Government, or with any person or persons, since the 31st March, 1872, up to the close of the present session, in relation to copyright and the reprinting of British copyright works in Canada."

As it is rumored we shall soon be adjourned, I ask that before Parliament is prorogued, probably two months hence, we may be favored with some despatches, or some authoritative information from England on this question; I wish for notice of the matter on the part of the Imperial Government, so that members may know its opinion and decision. (Cheers.)

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said this House has again and again recognized the importance of this subject, and almost always upon the suggestion or motion of my hon. friend (Mr. Ryan), who has brought this matter under our notice from time to time. I may say, so far as we are concerned, that everything that could reasonably have been expected has been done by the Government. When